

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

FLAKE, Jeff (Republican)
Representative, 1st District, Arizona
Elected 2000 to 107th Congress



BACKGROUND

Born: Snowflake, Arizona -- 31 December 1962

Home: Mesa, Arizona

Marital status: Married (Cheryl) - 5 children

Religion: Mormon

Education: Brigham Young Univ., B.A., 1986; M.A., 1987

Military: None

Profession: Public policy institute director; African business trade representative

Political: Defeated David Mendoza (D) with 53% of the vote to succeed Rep Matt Salmon (R), who retired. No previous office.

Rep Flake is a conservative, who campaigned on themes of lower taxes, less government and school choice. Would like to serve on the International Relations Cmte and possibly the Education and the Workforce Cmte. Wants to return to the "supply-side" economics of President Reagan. Interested in working on electricity deregulation, intellectual property rights, privatizing Social Security, and tax relief, especially reducing the gas tax. He is one of only three new members who pledged to limit their terms.

In the 107th Congress, offered the Republican Study Committee substitute to the budget resolution. During debate on the DoD Authorization, discussed an amdt he had planned to offer that would have removed language added in committee regarding the B-1 bomber fleet. Explained that he understood that an agreement had been worked out with the administration; said he believed concerns over reducing and consolidating the F-1 fleet would be worked out in conference. Stressed that modernizing the B-1 fleet is very important. Praised H.R. 3090, the Economic Security and Recovery Act, for providing stimulus to the economy by speeding the rate reduction for those in the 28 percent tax bracket while increasing capital gains tax deductions.

Additional: Executive Director, Goldwater Institute, 1992-9. Completed his Mormon mission in South Africa and Zimbabwe, 1982-3; helped Namibian government develop its constitution in 1959 as director of the Foundation for Democracy. Worked with a public relations firm to help educate local governments and businesses about trade opportunities with Namibia and Africa in general.

AF Bases: Sky Harbor MAP (ANG)

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